MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): An amount of Rs. 47,116 was spent on public works up to 15-8-1107 in the Muvattupuzha taluk during 1107 M. E.

Admission of students from unrecognised English schools to departmental and aided schools.

246 **MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the students from unrecognised classes in English schools are admitted to the departmental and recognised grant-in-aid schools in the State; and

(*b*) whether there is any objection to admit students thus?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, if these classes have been opened with permission.

(*b*) No, in cases included under (*a*) above.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): ഉദയനാപുരത്തുള്ള ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് സ്കൂളിൽ സ-ാംഫ്-ാറം വരെ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think it arises. It is a general question, about the admission of students from recognised schools, that the member has asked in his interpellation. Now, he asks a specific question about a specific school.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): എന്റെ ചോദ്യം ജനറലായിട്ടാണയച്ചിരുന്നതെങ്കിലും അതിൽ ഉദയനാപുരത്തു സ്കൂളിനെപ്പറ്റി കൂടി ബന്ധിക്കത്തക്ക നിലയിലായിരുന്ന ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ചിരുന്നതു്. എന്നാൽ ആ ചോദ്യം രണ്ടായിപിരിച്ചു ഒരുദ്യോഗസ്ഥനുമാത്രമെ മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളു. ഇതു ഞാനല്ലപിരിച്ചതു്. രണ്ടുനംക്രടങ്ങനായിട്ടു ഉത്തരംപറയുമെന്നായിരുന്ന എന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If so, that question will be answered later.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): ഇപ്പോൾ ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി അറിയത്തക്കവണ്ണമുള്ള ഇൻഫർമേഷനൊന്നുമില്ലെ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ഇല്ല.

Sale of Tembavu timber from the Tenmalai depot.

247 **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total quantity of Tembavu timber available for sale at the Tenmalai depot in 1106 and 1107;

(*b*) the rate at which that timber was bid at the first auction; and

(*c*) the rate at which the timber was finally auctioned?

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*)	*Year.*	*Quantity available for sale, being the supply received at depot during 1105 mostly.* C. ft.
	1106	19236·645
	1107	12868·981

(*b*) The rate was Bh. Re. 1-6-9 per c. ft in the auction held in Kumbham 1105.

(*c*) The rate was Bh. Re. 0-6-6 per c. ft. in the auction held in Mithunam 1107.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know why there is such a terrible fall in the price ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : This is what the Conservator says :

"The first auction was held at the depot during Kumbham 1105 when a rate of Bh. Rs. 1-6-9 per c.ft. was realised. As the demand for the timber was not keen and the prices were falling in the subsequent auctions the further extraction of this species was restricted and every effort was made to dispose of the existing stock to the best advantage of Government. Till the end of Tulam 1107 there were 22 auctions in the depot and a major portion of the stuff was disposed of in these auctions. By Vrischikam 1107 there was about 6,000 and odd c.ft. in the depot and there was practically no demand for this timber in the subsequent monthly sales, having been sawn in the middle, the defects were exposed and the timber had lost its colour very much and had shown signs of decay. Hence tenders were invited during Meenam 1107 for the wholesale disposal of the balance stock. But as the highest tendered rate was only 6 annas per c.ft. it was not accepted and the Divisional Forest Officer, Shencotta Division was ordered to dispose them off in the subsequent monthly auction for whatever it would fetch. During Mithunam 1107 the balance stuff was sold in auction at 6 1/2 annas per c.ft. As the quality of the stuff had gone down much by this time and as further delay in the disposal will result in loss to Government the sale was confirmed."

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know why the timber got damaged ? Was it not due to want of proper care ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No ; it was old and bad stuff.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Where was this timber kept ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : In the depot.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Along the roadside, I suppose ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : In the yards of the depot, of course.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Was the whole lot auctioned in a lump, or bit by bit in small quantities ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : That information is not available.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to call for the information.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I do not think there is any necessity for that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Does not the member consider that this abnormally low rate at which the timber has been sold, is sufficient for Government to call for that information?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I do not think so; it was bad stuff. It cannot fetch more.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): But it is admitted that the price per cubic foot in Medam 1106 was Re. 1-6-9.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is for the best lot.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Do they select the best timber and sell the whole of it as one lot in auction sales?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The bidders generally choose the best stuff. The lot now in question was the worst stuff, refuse, which nobody would take.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Am I to take it that this lot has fetched the price which such timber will ordinarily fetch?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information about that. But it is seen from the report of the Conservator that he has done his best to sell it for the best price offered.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): The Conservator has ordered the sale of the timber for *'whatever it would fetch.'* Is that the best that he could have done for the sale of the timber?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It was auctioned more than twenty times.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): In view of the low rate at which it has been sold, will the Government be pleased to call for the information whether this is the ordinary rate at which such timber is sold?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): If the member wants it, it may be done.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Do the Government consider it necessary?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No; the Conservator has done everything possible. He first auctioned it several times; he then invited tenders.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to call for the information as to whether the lot was sold in a lump or bit by bit in small quantities?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

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